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TAGS: ADRG, IMCO, EWWT, NI

SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON TANKER SAFETY AND

POLLUTION PREVENTION: DELEGATION VISITS TO CAPITALS:

FAILURE OF DELEGATION TO ARRIVE IN LAGOS

REF:LAGOS 10036

1. EMBASSY LAGOS IS REQUESTED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM US DELEGATION TO ALHAJI WALI, SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT:

"SIR: THE US DELEGATION SINCERELY REGRETS ITS
INABILITY TO VISIT LAGOS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR
MINISTRY CONCERNING THE US INITIATIVES ON TANKER
SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION, DESPITE EARLIER
FIRM ARRANGEMENTS. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION GOT
AS FAR AS ROME ON SEPTEMBER 5 BUT COULD NOT BE
ACCOMMODATED BY NIGERIAN AIRLINES, AND THERE WAS
NO OTHER FEASIBLE WAY FOR THE DELEGATION TO GET TO
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LAGOS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 7 (ALTHOUGH OUR LUGGAGE
GOT TO LAGOS ON SEPTEMBER 5). THE US DELEGATION
HOPES THAT A USEFUL MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED AT A
LATER DATE. HIGHEST PERSONAL REGARDS, REAR ADMIRAL
SIDNEY A. WALLACE, WALKER A. DIAMANTI, AND DANIEL F.
SHEEHAN."

2. FYI: DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE BY AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL ON 1 SEPTEMBER IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT REQUEST DATED 11 AUG 77. THEREAFTER NIGERIAN AIRWAYS QUERIED DAILY FOR STATUS OF RESERVATIONS BY SAS, TELEX AND PHONCON. NIGERIAN AIRWAYS WOULD NOT RESPOND BUT INTERMEDIATE AIRLINE AGENTS RECOMMENDED DELEGATION SHOULD PROCEED ON HIGH PROBABILITY THEY WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED. US DELEGATION PROCEEDED TO ROME, FOUND ITSELF ON STANDBY LIST, AND WAS THEN PREPARED TO UPGRADE TICKETS TO FIRST CLASS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PASSAGE ON NIGERIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 921. NIGERIAN AIRLINES WOULD NOT ACCEPT GTR, AMEXCO CREDIT CARDS, PERSONAL CHECKS, TRAVELERS CHECKS NOR PERMIT DELEGATION TO PROCEED TO LAGOS AND SETTLE ACCOUNTS THERE. SINCE AIRLINE DEMANDED ONE MILLION LIRA (\$1000) IN CASH FOR UPGRADING, DELEGATION FAILED LAST CHANCE TO GET ON THE FLIGHT. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN ROME WAS: P. RICCIOTTI, TRAFFIC OFFICES, NIGERIAN AIRWAYS, ROME. MISSION OF US DELEGATION THUS WAS THWARTED DESPITE OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BY ALHAJI WALI AT IMCO COUNCIL MAY 1977. END FYI.

3. US DELEGATION WAS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES WITH GON AND DEEPLY REGRETS CIRCUMSTANCES UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH LED TO INABILITY TO DO SO. REQUEST AMEMBASSY ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS GON DESIRE OF USG TO CONDUCT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY, POSSIBLY JOINT IMCO MSC/MEPC SESSION OCT. 77, LONDON, OR DURING NOV. 77 SESSION IMCO ASSEMBLY. IN MEANTIME VIEWS OF USG WILL BE FORWARDED LATER FOR DELIVERY TO GON BY AMEMBASSY LAGOS.

4. US DEL SENDS. HARTMAN

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